

Remarks

I. Status of the Claims and Formal Matters

Claims 1-62 are presently pending in this application. Claims 1-50 and 62 are withdrawn herein, with traverse. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of the withdrawn claims in a Divisional application.

II. Response to Restriction Requirement

Claims 1-62 are pending. The Examiner has required restriction to one of the following:

Group I: Claims 1-16, drawn to a method for regulating aneurysm formation.

Group II: Claims 17-33, drawn to a method of increasing endothelialization across an aneurysm ostium.

Group III: Claims 49 and 50, drawn to a product having two cannulae, one of which comprises a matrix material.

Group IV: Claim 51-61, drawn to a method of increasing endothelialization by administering a third product comprising a biocompatible material including cells.

Group V: Claim 62, drawn to a method of reducing coil compaction.

Applicants elects Group IV, with traverse.

Reconsideration and rejoinder of Groups I-V is respectfully requested. Searching the additional inventions of Groups I-V must constitute an undue burden on the examiner for restriction to be permissible. MPEP § 803. The MPEP directs the Examiner to search and examine an entire application "[i]f the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, ... even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions." *Id.* It is respectfully submitted that it

would not place an unnecessary burden on the Examiner to search and examine Groups I-V together.

Reconsideration of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested. It is respectfully submitted that it would not place an unnecessary burden on the Examiner to search and examine each of the claims.

In view of the foregoing, the Groups I-V of the present application represent a web of knowledge and continuity of effort that merits examination in a single application. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested, and an early action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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